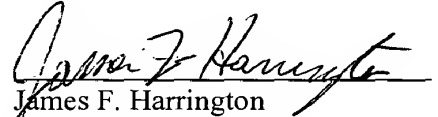


REMARKS

The present application claims priority to European Application No. 99105581.5 filed 13 March 1999. Headings have been added to the specification in accordance with U.S. practice. Claims 1-5 have been cancelled and re-written as Claims 6-12 to place the claims in a form which is in compliance with U.S. practice. New Claims 13-19 have been added to claim a cigarette wrapper as taught in the application.

Inasmuch as the present amendment does not introduce new subject matter and places the application in better condition for consideration on the merits, entry of the Amendment is respectfully requested.

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